



"And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and SO that day come upon you unawares."

"Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away."

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HIDDEN DANGER

[A common cold causes distress, but is not very dangerous in itself. However, if not taken care of, it could result in serious complications. Likewise, we should doctor ourselves for our little shortcomings and faults. If we do not, they may spread and infect the whole soul. Listen to Brother Willis Ehnle, as he points out some danger spots that we should not overlook.]

It is dangerous to come within reach of false cults unless we are firmly established in the glorious truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

It is dangerous when a spirit of unity no longer exists among born-again followers of Christ.

It is dangerous for believers to forsake the assembling of themselves together as the manner of some is, or to assemble simply as a matter of routine.

It is dangerous for laborers in Christ's vineyard to rely on theological training or man's specifications, rather than a God-given burden for souls and the constant presence and leading of the Holy Spirit.

It is dangerous when believers become careless in their outward appearance, either by haughty attire or by un-Christ-like actions.

Most of God's children are aware of the dangers mentioned above. For the most part, they are evident. There is a far more deadly danger, though, which is not so apparent. It lies within your own personal self.

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To Do Justly, And To Love Mercy, And To Walk Humbly With Thy God

[One thing that our God wants us to do in any problem facing us is to reason soberly and righteously, coolly weighing all the facts in the light of God's Word with prayer. A question of self-analysis should be, "Is my mind open on this subject?" It is so

JESUS SAID:

"... and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

easy to let our own ideas and opinions swing the decision without full examination. Often a brother can give us a side-light on the case we had not been thinking of. Working as a team, with God's Spirit guiding, we reach God's own conclusion. With

these thoughts in mind, use wisely what Brother Arthur Gasser of our Rittman church tells us with a loving heart.]

This is a scripture passage which is found in the old part of the Bible. However, we can notice that it conforms perfectly with the Savior's teachings, as well as also agrees with what we experience in our time, that it still brings a blessing with it whenever it is practiced faithfully. We can see why faithful older Christians who have gone on before and are no longer with us loved this scripture passage so well. It embraces so much.

When we practice justice, we will then also be impartial; we will then always weigh all matters carefully which are brought before us; we will bring them unto the true light of God's Word and often ponder over them and wonder just what the Savior would do now if He were here in person.

"And to love mercy". Perhaps we could say that we all love to linger on this subject. It has so many promises. While we are living here on earth, we know that we are among many great dangers, subject to disappointments, pains, and distresses. However, when we can read in the good book that our God is a God of

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Members of Our House

["And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it." There is real happiness in serving Jesus. We're interested intensely in His work, and therefore each other. We help each other and exhort one another along life's pathway. Listen to an exhortation of love written by a faithful brother. May it help you in life's battle to achieve unconditional victory!]

More real than any earthly tie is the love that knits together the family of God. "For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother." Outside in the world, the biting winds of hate and anger and selfishness mount up in fury. But inside, grouped around the fireside of love, are the members of God's household. How cozy and happy are they, safely nestled under a loving Father's care!

Gone is the gnawing ache of self-love and self-esteem. God's family is interested in pleasing the heavenly Father. They not only listen to the Father's admonitions but zealously strive to live them. His law is their delight. They listen to such stepping-stones to glory as this: "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others." Living them, they find the joy of a happy family, free from cares and worries.

Each shares in carrying out the many duties of the household. Every one has a specific task assigned to him, and grace is given to him to do it energetically and from the heart. Their slogan is ". . . whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men . . ." "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." How the time sails when there are these notes of praise in the heart. What ordinarily would be drudgery and blue Mondays are transformed into delightful accomplishments for the Master!

At times the children gather around the fireside to listen to their Father tell them of a land they will one day live in. Eyes sparkle as His Word unfolds the thrilling description of this land of never-ending vacation. Hearts bubble over with anticipation. The children gaily join hands and sing carols of praise to the great Redeemer who loved them and purchased them with His own blood. The joy of an eternal Christmas lives continually in their hearts!

Sometimes life's chores take them on errands of mercy, but always the warmth of the Father's love keeps them. Through the raging storms comes a call for help—someone in distress. Some poor one is lost in the drift of despair. The cutting winds lash him cruelly, and blindly he staggers deeper and deeper into hopelessness. Numb from the cold, his own wet clothing only chills his fever-riddled frame thoroughly. Obeying love's impulse, the rescue team determines their duty by analyzing what their own desires would be in similar circumstances.

God's clock of order is the time-piece for this family. On the wall of their minds hangs this beautiful motto: "Let all things be done decently and in order." They pay attention to the little things. Tardiness they know is a habit that can slow down the whole team.

This family uses the knowledge of salesmanship in their dress. A good salesman should wear nothing that would attract attention to himself. And each member's desire to direct attention away from self to the Saviour causes each to select the day's clothing with the choicest of care. Apparel that would draw attention to itself is taboo. Their one concern is to glorify God. Theirs is a beautifying of the inner man!

Sad to say, sometimes some of the children come to blows. If only they could realize how ugly it looks. How much better to take the shorter end. How much better to absorb that sharp word in forgetfulness and take that brother around the neck and love

him! How much better to put God's ever-effective healing ointment of love on that wound, rather than continually scratching it open! "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye."

Sometimes a member of this household gets sick. The face becomes pale with prayerlessness. Another symptom is a losing of the desire to attend church. The forehead becomes hot with a love for the things of the world. Final result if left unchecked will be entering the delirium of sin and then death. Prescription: "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed."

Dinner time brings a feast on God's Word. Seated around the table of fellowship, the soul is led on verdant green pastures. Eager attention will bring many blessings to the members. Often a surprise package of just what is needed for that particular member for that particular part of his journey is given. The humblest and plainest of God's servants are intrusted with spiritual truths that sparkle in the sunshine of godly wisdom. They may come in plain wrappings, but, interpreted by an alert listener, they break out in all their true brilliance.

The heavenly Father's perfect love trains His children. "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth." His training method varies with the personality of the child. Sometimes even such a simple thing as a headache is used. A thankful attitude will certainly let His Will be accomplished. How each little pain if properly embraced chases self-will and self-esteem away! How it refreshes the soul! And He allows the members to be tempted to trim off all the surplus weight. Each nerve of self cries out with pain as the drill of temptation digs into the heart of each cavity. "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations . . ."

God's children love to travel His path of self-denial, for they know that "the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." They take things on the chin and smile. They should not seek the last word. In the factory, on the farm, or behind the desk or the counter, they are to be ever mindful that Christ dwelleth within them. Theirs is to be an attitude of self-analysis. Would Jesus present this product in this way? Does that gentle smile in my voice point my fellow workers to the Master of old Galilee? Can my boss notice the joy that is in my heart?

To come to the point where circumstances converge on and corner him, and yet to steadfastly keep that smile of confidence and that quiet gentleness, is to tread the way of the cross. True it is that the thorns along the way scratch and tear and hurt—But for every thorn there is a rose . . . the joy of faith that fills the soul with all the rich fragrance of heavenly happiness.

"Then onward brethren! Let us hasten thither—

'Tis worth the hardship and the pain we bear

To climb this path; for there shall never wither

The blest inheritance, which we shall share!"

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You may have escaped the above-mentioned dangers, but have you escaped the following?

It is written, I John 2:15, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." Nevertheless, is not your desire for spiritual blessings outweighed by your desire for material blessings and comforts? That danger lies within yourself!

It is written, St. Luke 6:12, "And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God." Jesus Christ, the very Son of God, has, even to you.

found it necessary to spend long periods visiting with the Father. Do you not have even the desire to spend as much as one-half hour on your knees before your Heavenly Father each morning? That danger lies within yourself!

It is written, Luke 12:33, "Sell that ye have, and give alms, provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not. . . ." Of the possessions and earnings which God has entrusted to your care, do you give even a meager share as alms for the poor, or to assist in getting out the Gospel, that you might have treasure in heaven that faileth not? That danger lies within yourself.

It is written, I John 4:8, "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love." Have you permitted the old Adam to cause you to hate anyone, or even to hold a grudge against some one? That danger lies within yourself!

It is written, Acts 10:34, 35, "Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him." Are you aware of the fact that God loves a Japanese or a Spaniard just as much as He loves you? If not, you claim more favor than is rightfully yours. That danger lies within yourself!

It is written, II Cor. 5:20, "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead be ye reconciled to God." Are you not aware of the fact that God has called you to be an ambassador for Christ, that He died for the whole world, but has left to you the ministry of reconciliation? That danger lies within yourself!

It is written, Rev. 3:16, "So that because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." Do you really love and live for Christ, or is your heart only lukewarm? That danger lies within yourself. It is hidden, per-

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tender mercy, and as those of us who are redeemed did experience in our conversions, we had nothing else to hope for except His tender love and mercy, which He in due time did reveal unto us. This encourages us and then gives us a sincere desire that we too might be merciful unto humanity about us. May it be that we have therefore not confined our mercy only to those few, but rather that we have sought or will seek with the Lord's help to be merciful unto many.

There are many conditions at present that greatly demand our mercy. The many pitiful conditions that exist in foreign countries and some right here in our land—the need for mercy is perhaps not so much for want of food and clothing, but far more for sympathetic understanding of what the many changes which have taken place in the past fifty years have brought along.

In our everyday work, we have not been too reluctant to have learned through experience that unless we change with the times to a reasonable extent, we would become even as chargeable unto others. But have we taken into full consideration the great changes that have taken place in our public school systems in the past fifty years? This great amount of schooling that our dear children are now called to go through has also unearthed many hidden talents in them. Are we perhaps sometimes slack in allowing them to exercise those talents? Do we sometimes invite them to bury them? In the youth of today, has it perhaps been easier for us to instruct them to from henceforth lead as it were a dormant life, instead of to help them to exercise their God-given talents in a way that would be beneficial to the body of Christ in general and perhaps yet to the encouraging of many unbelievers to also accept the Christian Way?

This is not to be understood that

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The Fulness of Time

[These are troublesome times, but there should be no sign of panic among God's children, for their trust is anchored in One who is faithful to keep their souls. Listen to these important words written by Brother Henry Beer.]

"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons."

When the fulness of time had come, the people of that day were in expectation. They were informed by the scribes and leaders of Israel that the day of the long expected and prophesied Messiah was at hand.

The literal fulfillment of the prophecies concerning the nature and work and person of Christ were accomplished in His life here upon earth. The law and the prophets and the Psalms are rich in prophetic statements of Christ and were literally fulfilled in His life and death and resurrection.

His virgin birth, as well as the place of His birth, His flight into Egypt, the slaying of the innocents, the unjust judgment, the piercing of His hands and His feet, the casting of lots for His garments, and many other prophetic words were literally fulfilled in His life.

The approach of this Christmas-tide is beclouded with anxiety and with the distress of nations. Nations and their destinies are hanging in a balance. There now appears to be a recurrence of the expectation in the hearts of His faithful that again the fulness of time has come when we may expect the return of our Lord.

How momentous are the days we are living? When the day of Pentecost was fully come, the Holy Ghost descended upon His loved apostles, as we read in the Acts. The time was before appointed by God, brought to pass according to His will. Are the prophecies pertaining to this age to be interpreted symbolically or literally? If the words of the prophets of old concerning Christ were literally fulfilled, why may we not expect

them to be literally fulfilled concerning His second coming?

Jesus said no man knoweth the day nor the hour of His coming, but only the Father in heaven. May we for that matter ignore the momentous developments of this day? In another passage of Scripture, our Saviour said: "O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?"

Though it is not revealed unto man the actual day nor hour, yet He is not leaving us uninformed as to the nature of the time when He will come. Expectation of His return grips the hearts of those who are watching and praying. For Jesus said: "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."

May we refer to some of the signs of the times? The Jews are again assembling in their home-land, which is now organized into the nation of Israel. The day of grace and opportunity for the Gentiles is about to end, and for aught we know, the rapture of the saints may occur at any time.

The rise of a godless national power has come to pass in the nation of Russia and its satellites. In addition to overrunning and aggressively conquering small as well as great nations, she has been successful in spreading God-defying doctrine to countless millions and to whole nations. Many believe that the power of the north referred to in the prophets Ezekiel and Isaiah points to Russia, with its growing military might.

The question rises, Who will be able to cope with so great a giant of might and iniquity? The prophet Ezekiel writes the word of the Lord. When this power shall attack the land of Israel, the wrath of God will be poured out upon the invading army and five-sixths of their number will fall upon the mountains of Israel. It will take the Jews seven months to bury the dead. (Ezekiel 39)

Scripture says that these things

shall come to pass in the latter days and these and many other events will be literally fulfilled. The seriousness of the day in which we live and the overshadowing distress of nations seem to cast a cloud of sorrow upon the coming Christmastide. Though we recall the blessing of the birth of Christ for the world, we now look forward to the second coming of Christ, which may be near at hand.

Since, as it appears, we are living in this fulness of time, should not all men turn to God with repentant hearts and thus hide themselves in Him until this indignation be overpast? In order to stand before the Son of man, we are commanded repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Then, whether we live or die, the words of the prophet will go into literal fulfillment: "Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: . . . and the earth shall cast out the dead." (Isaiah 26:19) "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." (I Thess. 4:17)

GOD'S CHRISTMAS GIFT

There's a Christmas gift that our Father gave,

'Twas given to the men of yore,
And 'twill surely guide to the Savior's side—

The Babe whom our hearts adore!
For a Child divine to the earth was sent,

The Christ from Heaven most high,
Through the ages dim, we are led to Him,

By the Star in the Christmas sky.

There's a Christmas gift that is old,
yet new,

And it tells of a joy divine,
For through earth's dark night, with a golden light,

God's beacon will ever shine!
Blessed word it brings unto waiting hearts,

That gladness and hope are nigh,
For it tells to earth, a Redeemer's birth,

There's a Star in the Christmas sky.

Mountain Climbers

Those who have forsaken all for the eternal treasures of Jesus Christ are climbing the mountain of life on their way to the celestial city. The eyes of their desire are on "a better country, that is, an heavenly."

Securely fastened around the waist of each climber is God's protection. By looking always to Him, the green, inexperienced climber is guided up vertical precipices, safely past all treacherous places. Every inch of the way is known to our Guide, and He expertly directs the placing of each step. Only we must heed His advice: "... follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life. . . ."

There is no room for a backward look. "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." The adversary strikes in very deceiving and cunning ways. He tries to make us place our foot in shaky places. We must be on the alert, watchful and prayerful at all times! A sluggish attitude can lead to a slip from the heights. How sad is it to see the poor victim sliding over the icy surface, toward the precipice of hopelessness. "Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober."

We are happy for every friend who finds courage to make this beginning of the up-hill climb. May each one of us be interested in and lend a helping hand to these dear ones:

Fairbury and Forrest: We are very happy to add the following to the fold of Christ, who were baptized on Sunday, October 22. Miss Betty, Bobby, and Allen Zimmerman, Marjorie, Donna, and Viola Honegger, and Alta Mae Kaisner. Mr. Sam Walter underwent a very serious operation. He is yet quite ill, but is home and improving. We are very happy that Sam has sought his Saviour. We wish him God's blessings.

Princeville: Esther Schafer was added to the fold November 12. Many friends and relatives from Morton, Peoria, and Elgin were present.

Lamont: Sunday, October 8, Bernie and Dena Emch were added to the Fold of Christ. It was a blessing to hear the testimony of these loved ones. May it make us ever mindful of what Christ has done for us. Brothers Noah Schrock, Joseph Wittmer, Roy Farney, and Joseph Strahm were here. Other visitors were here from Wichita, Sabetha, Harper, Kansas, and Burlington, Oklahoma.

Hancock and Morris: Sunday, Oct. 15, there were just morning services. In the afternoon, the members listened to the testimonies of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Knobloch, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wulf, and Raymond Luthi. They were baptized in the evening. There were almost fifty visitors, among them being ministers and wives: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Banwart, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Knobloch of Lester, Iowa, and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Fehr of West Bend.

The Saviour said, "... there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth", and so we also rejoice when dear souls turn to the Lord believing and can be baptized and can become children of God and joint heirs with Christ. On October 8, Elias Dotterer and Rudolph Graf were in our midst (Mansfield). Steve Domka and his wife, Ruth, and his sister, Rachel, gave their testimony and were baptized and received into the fold of Jesus Christ. Again on November 19, Sam Aeschliman and Rudolph Graf were in our midst for proving and baptismal services for Lucille Groh, Mary, Francis, Helen, and Betty Gilliom, and Eva Fuhrer. Many were present at each occasion. It always touches our heart when souls repent and turn to the Lord and reminds us of our vows and promises to the Lord and moves us to rededicate our lives anew to our Heavenly Father and our dear Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Francesville: We thank the Lord for two dear souls, Emma Jean Anliker and Helen Aeschliman, who have received Jesus as their Saviour and were baptized.

Remington: Marvin Clauss, son of

Alva Clauss, has turned to the Lord for salvation. It always gives a renewal of hope and courage to know the Lord is yet awakening hearts to His good will and word.

Chicago: We enjoyed a blessed Sunday, November 5, when two souls were added to the fold. They are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meyer. Many visitors from Gridley, Elgin, Remington, Princeville, Goodfield, Leo, Bremen, and Francesville enjoyed the day with us.

Peoria: Having peace with God and man, Mrs. Leona Winzeler Race was able to give her testimony Nov. 5. Many relatives attended the baptismal services.

Leo: On Thanksgiving Day, we had new reasons for being thankful and for rejoicing. Brothers Sam Aeschliman and Rudolph Graf were with us. Mrs. Howard Wiley, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bollier, and Mr. and Mrs. David Bertsch were added to the fold.

Latty: Kenneth Stoller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Stoller, gave testimony and was baptized on Oct. 29. He is stationed, at the present time, at Fort Knox, Kentucky, serving with the Army. Our friends, Alvin and Ellen Klopfenstein, have found peace with God and were baptized on December 3.

GIVING AND GETTING

"Wonder what I'll get for Christmas?"

Thus said little Timothy Gray,
Never thinking nor planning the least
little bit

Of what he might give away.

Playroom just filled with his toys,

Of every kind surely that comes,—
Steam engine, bicycle, books of all
kinds,

And autos and games and drums.

Wondering what he'll get for Christmas!

O Timothy, look 'round, I pray,
And think, at this season of blessing
to earth,

Of what you can give away!

OUR PRAYER

Make our earthly souls a field
Which God delights to bless;
Let us in due season yield
The fruits of righteousness.

Sunshine for Shut-ins

and
OTHER PILGRIMS

Only in Jesus is there sunshine for shut-ins.

“. . . For this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.” A child of God can be continuously happy, “As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing.” God’s command through the apostle Paul is “Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.” Again, “Rejoice evermore.” It is not found in our flesh and blood—In physical senses we would come into a blind alley. We may search the corridors of our mind day after day in a vain search for the source of happiness. Where then are we to find God’s avenue for joy?

Jesus said, “Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: And nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.” —Joy in our spirit is the wonderful fact that we have a title deed to a place in God’s Kingdom. That which is of the Spirit is spirit. We can rejoice that not only have we been saved from the chains of sin, but we are one with Jesus. “For we are members of his body, of his flesh and of his bones.”

Therefore we are to rest in Him, because He abideth faithful. This is a resting that allows His divine energy to give us vitality to watch and pray. It is a rest that knows He will provide for Himself and His work. It is doing all to God’s glory, a sure trust that the daily steps are all ordained and the path is selected. It is a confident looking to Him when we seem cornered up and the task too great.

If you do not know our wonderful Jesus, pull up the window shade of pride in your heart, and let Him lead you to His sunshine. Why should you live in the dark all the time?

Tremont: Robert Huetten is recovering from an operation at the Proctor Hospital in Peoria, Ill.

Chicago: Elizabeth Kiefer of Gridley has been ailing and is now in a hospital in Chicago. We hope the Lord may see fit to strengthen and restore her to good health again.

Princeville: We are glad to report at the time of this writing, that C. C. Martin, who had undergone a series of operations, is recovering very nicely at his home. Philip Streitmatter was a surgical patient, but is also recuperating in his home. Mrs. Alvin Farney remains about the same and is at home again, after spending several weeks in the hospital. Daniel Endress has had the misfortune to have several accidents the past month, first injuring a leg in a tractor accident, then arm injuries with the corn picker. He is not serious, however, and is recovering at his home. Vivian Leuthold had her tonsils removed November 14 and is getting along nicely. Pauline Sauder is recuperating at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Kieser, following a major operation. Roy Rumbold had the misfortune to get his hand in a corn sheller, injuring several fingers, November 17.

Fairbury and Forrest: Mr. Sam Walter underwent a very serious operation, but is improving. Miss Mary Kilgus is a patient in the Fairbury Hospital, suffering an arm condition. Mr. Sidney Leman and Mr. Donald Broquard were two victims of getting their hand in the corn picker. Sidney’s accident required his thumb and forefinger on his left hand to be taken off, whereas Donald suffered cuts, but did not lose any fingers.

Morris and Hancock: We are happy to write Mrs. Henry Nohl Sr. is home from the hospital. We pray it won’t be long until she can again be with us on Sundays.

Word came Sunday morning, Oct.

16, that Robert Gasser of Rittman, a former Girard resident, had been taken to the Wadsworth Hospital. He was seriously injured when he was kicked by a cow, but is reported slightly improved and back at his home again. Let us pray that if it is the Lord’s will, he can recover. Job was also a righteous man, yet it was God’s will that Job suffer severe trials. When the clouds hung lowest, Job said with a triumphant faith, “. . . the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.”

Brother Louis Munz, who is at the Churchill Rest Home and had been quite low the last few days, is now revived a little.

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we are wishing for a new and broader way, but far more are we concerned that we might not be leaving out some of our Savior’s most weighty instructions, such as possibly not being willing to assume sufficient responsibilities. When we read in Matt. 25 chapter, we can see that it is not alone the wrong things that we do that we will have to be judged for, but just as much also the good things that we should have done and did them not.

If such should be our condition, even if only in a small measure, may we now come to the last phase of our scripture passage. “To walk humbly with thy God”. To allow ourselves as parents to be instructed by His Word and Spirit in a sincere way, and then pray earnestly that the Lord will give unto us and our present leaders and elders a rich measure of wisdom and grace that they may feel His presence mightily and that this present generation might in its passing be laying up precious stones in that spiritual Jerusalem—Stones on which it will then be safe for the following generation to build upon, that we might be found as those that have striven lawfully, worthy of crowns.

Tracing the Rainbow Through the Clouds

There are days in a person's life when the clouds of sorrow hang low and the mists of sadness surround the tired pilgrim. Surely in these times we find no source of comfort in ourselves. In the February of sorrow, leaf through God's calendar of faith to His glorious springtime. What sparkling promises blossom out and perfume the soul with their loveliness! "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

O Joy that seekest me thro' pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow thro' the rain,
And know the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

Look away to the far horizon. The storm clouds end there, and a glorious ridge of blue marks an unclouded day for Tomorrow. It is only a matter of Time now, and the soul's outlook will be bathed in eternal sunshine. We will walk forever and ever on and on into the limitless blue of God's perfect joy. "For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land; The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell." God's faithful will romp through the meadows of pleasures forevermore, carefree and happy.

News of our departed brethren and friends: May you who feel sorrow's sharpness turn your eyes to God, for through Him alone can come perfect comfort.

Latty: Mrs. Anna Zurlinden passed away on Tuesday, October 17. She was the wife of William Zurlinden. Funeral services were held Oct. 20.

Morris and Hancock: Mrs. Louis Stettner Sr. passed away Sunday, October 29. Funeral services were conducted by Gus Scheitlin, assisted

by Henry Koehl, on November 1. She was 75 years of age. She has been in bed the past three years. Those from a distance were William Stettner, Mrs. Ed Moser, Otto Stettner, her sister and brother—Miss Minnie Spohr, William Spohr, all of Elgin, Mrs. Ernie Frank, Philip Moser, and Mr. and Mrs. Gus Scheitlin of Oakville, Iowa.

Peoria: Mrs. Emma Hoerr, a dear sister in faith, passed away on Oct. 26. Her funeral was Monday, Oct. 30. Henry Wackerle of Bay City, Mich., held the services.

Milford: Mrs. Andrew Wutrich passed away and her funeral services were held October 22. Funeral services were held November 6 for William Baumgartner, who was injured fatally in an accident.

Tremont: Henry Bollinger passed away on October 9 at the age of 68 years. His wife and five sons and three daughters survive him. Funeral services were held on October 12 by Brothers Noah Schrock and J. A. Getz, with burial in the church cemetery.

Leo: Funeral services were held for Maxine Beer Scarborough on Saturday, December 2.

What courage it gives the traveller as by faith he looks over the mountains to beyond the blue horizon. What a wonderful place to spend our vacation! Situated beyond the hills of time, nestled in peaceful valley, lies the beautiful dream village that is beyond words of description. A marvellous hope of our calling! Those worthy of this prize will stroll through the beautiful scenery of pleasures forever more, continually satisfied with fulness of joy. "... and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

Only in fellowship with God can we grow in holy wisdom and spiritual stature, and in favor with God and man. Only so can we do our Father's business.

FRIEND

While wandering through the snow-filled wood today,
The wintry wind that rustled through the trees
Brought to me, friend, a sudden thought of thee:—

I wished thy soul were white as new-fall'n snow.

The cold, grey sky, the barren limbs of trees

Aroused in me a thought of thy cold heart,

And why it is thy heart toward God is cold.

Thou knowest not sweet fellowship with Him;

Thou dwel'st in darkness though the light is near.

I asked my God why He had not called thee,

Why thou art not of His, to serve and love:

And His reply, so calm and full of warmth

And of chastising love, put me to shame:

"Dost thou not know, my son, how oft he looks at thee

And thinks—'If God has not made him a better man,

How could He me?'"

FIVE THINGS WORTH KNOWING

1. "And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin." 1 John 3:5.

2. "And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him." 1 John 3:19.

3. "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." 1 John 3:14.

4. "And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us." 1 John 3:24.

5. "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." 1 John 5:2.

It can be said of all godly men that their ministry continues after their departure from this world.



NEWS



Alabama

Olin and Ruby, Arlie and Wilma Pace, the Theo Brooks family, and J. D. Hale have left for Chicago to seek employment.

Guests over Sunday, November 26, were Henry Kilgus and his wife, their daughter Alice, Paul Honegger and his wife and two daughters, Eileen and Viola, Donald Broquard, Bobby Zimmerman, Allen Zimmerman, Ervin Maurer, William H. Strieb, Melvin Hartman, Andrew Leman, Robert Leman, Melvin Huber, and Lorrene Leonhardt.

They were supper guests at the Maburn and Julia Hale home Saturday, November 25. Saturday evening services were held at the Borden home at Landersville. On Sunday at 10:30, services were held at the church house. Services were at 3:00 at the Athens church. After the afternoon services, the northern visitors left them for home.

Bluffton

The engagement of Mary Tonner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Tonner, to Marvin Klopfenstein of Latty was announced Sunday, November 5.

Robert Gerber and Evelyn Stoller were united in holy matrimony by Sam Aeschliman on Sunday, November 12. Many attended the ceremony from various congregations.

New arrivals in our community are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tonner's daughter, Rose Marie, born November 2, and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Drayer's son, Herman Douglas, born Nov. 6.

Several young couples from Remington visited us Sunday, November 12, and were guests in the evening of Mr. and Mrs. Obed Gerber.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meyer have left our community to make their home in Gridley, Illinois. We wish them many rich blessings in their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Weyeneth, Mr. and Mrs. Sauder, and others from Peoria visited our congregation on Sunday, November 19.

Sam and Minnie Aeschliman spent Sunday, November 19, in Mansfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stettner and family of Fort Wayne spent the

Thanksgiving week-end with relatives and friends in Elgin.

Truman Baumgartner spent the week-end of November 26 in Peoria.

On Sunday, December 3, Herman Aeschliman and Nina Krummen were united in holy matrimony by Sam Aeschliman.

Mr. and Mrs. John Baumgartner and Truman attended the dedication of the Peoria church on Sunday, December 10.

Wedding vows were exchanged on Sunday, December 10, by Mary Tonner and Marvin Klopfenstein, Sam Aeschliman officiating. Many from Latty attended the ceremony and reception.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gerber are the parents of a baby girl, Fay Lorraine, born December 3. Mrs. Gerber is the former Viola Isch.

Chicago

Mr. and Mrs. David Wingeier and family from Alto, Michigan, spent Sunday, October 15, with us.

Our visitors on Sunday, October 22, included Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Feucht, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Feucht, and Elizabeth Kieser of Princeville; Mr. and Mrs. Will Stettner, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graff, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kropf, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Baer, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Haas, Mr. and Mrs. George Hass, Mary Huber, Nina Huber, and others from Elgin.

We regret the leaving of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Hoerr. They are planning to make their home in Peoria, and we wish them the Lord's continued blessings.

Croghan and Naumburg

Miss LaVeda Farney has returned home, after spending three months in Denver, Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. William Shambach and son, Robert, have visited relatives and friends here.

Mrs. Ralph Beyer and son, Peter, who have been visiting relatives in Remington, Indiana, the past weeks, have returned home. Mrs. Beyer's mother, Mrs. Marie Schieler, accompanied them home.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Aeschliman, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan Ringger and children, Carol and Samuel, of Bluff-

ton, Indiana, and Miss Caroline Manz of Paulding, Ohio, visited here November 2 and 3. Accompanying them from Rockville, Connecticut, were Mr. and Mrs. John Bahler, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lanz, and Miss Gertrude Lanz.

Detroit

On Sunday, October 1, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bocha of Mansfield, Ohio, and Mrs. Maria Wingeier of Alto, Michigan, visited us.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Belsley and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Rumble and children of Morton, Illinois, and Arlene Martin of Cissna Park, Illinois, visited relatives here the week-end of October 8.

Visiting us on October 15 were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ramseyer and children, and Helen, Leah, Ralph, and Orville Ramseyer, all of Bay City.

We enjoyed the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Zeltwanger and daughter, Mary Ann, and Mrs. Clara Klopfenstein and daughter, Joan, of Bremen, Indiana, and Mr. and Mrs. George Laidig and children of Toledo, Ohio, on Sunday, October 22. We also enjoyed the visit of Noah Schrock of Oakville, Iowa, who held evening services here on that date.

We were sorry to have Leonard Hitz leave our community recently. He has been transferred by his company to Chicago, and we wish him the Lord's blessings in his new work.

On November 5, the realization of our endeavors was consummated when so many of our dear brethren gathered with us for the dedicating of our new building to the service of God. Sam Aeschliman delivered our dedication sermon and was ably assisted by Otto Ramseyer. We had guests from Bluffton, Akron, Rittman, Remington, La Crosse, Morton, Bay City, Alto, Latty, Leo, Toledo, and Girard. Jos. Ramsier and Lorenz Emch remained with us for evening services. We wish to thank everyone for making this indeed a blessed day.

On November 19, the Detroit church held "open house" and we had many visitors. Henry Wackerle, Al Fisher, and Art Gudeman delivered the sermons on that day, and we were richly blessed through their love and encouragement. Many of

our friends and neighbors gathered with us and brethren and friends from Bay City, Peoria, La Crosse, Chicago, Alto, Toledo, Morton, and Bluffton. Al Fisher and Phil Wingeier conducted evening services. Again we are deeply grateful to all who visited us this day.

We had guests from Peoria on November 26, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Herman and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Messerli and daughter.

Mrs. Ernest Graf, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Elsworth Graf and daughter were with us for Wednesday evening services on November 29.

Elgin, Iowa

Paul Banwart and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Frieden of West Bend visited our church October 22. Mrs. Rose Frieden of Lamar, Missouri, accompanied them home, after visiting here several weeks.

Uriel Gehring, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Gehring, left for the Army November 6. He is stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, at the present time.

Mrs. Jacob Gehring, Phyllis, and Eunice, Mrs. John Pulfer, and Ida Frieden attended the wedding of Ada Schrock and Edwin Banwart at Oakville.

Mrs. Anna Schupbach went to Anaheim, California, to be with her daughter. She will remain there indefinitely.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Butikofer of Taylor, Missouri, spent Thanksgiving week-end with his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Butikofer.

Fairbury and Forrest

Henry Mogler from Lester, Iowa, held services at the Fairbury Congregation on Thursday evening, Oct. 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Honegger and Mr. and Mrs. Julius Miller visited Taylor, Missouri, and Kansas City, Missouri, over the week-end of Oct. 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kilgus of Remington, Indiana, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Stoller, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Steffen from here visited our congregation in Alabama over the week-end of October 22.

Miss Marion Zimmerman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Zimmerman, and Byron Nussbaum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Nussbaum, were married on Sunday, October 29.

Mrs. Clara Kaufman from Silverton, Oregon, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Bach, and many friends.

Francesville

Mrs. Art Gudeman of LaCrosse spent Sunday morning, October 29, in our congregation.

Girard

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Graf and family visited Sunday, October 8. We enjoyed their visit and welcome them back.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Emch, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Emch and daughter, Loreta; Lorentz Emch; Mrs. Minnie Munz, Miss Anna Durig, and Mrs. Helen Emch, all enjoyed Sunday supper and the evening at the home of Mrs. Ola Froelich and Rose Froelich on Sunday, October 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Beery and daughter, Mrs. Lillian Beery, and Mrs. Donald Emch visited the Girard Congregation, Sunday, October 16.

Mrs. Emma Berger and sons, Paul and Carl, and Mrs. Fannie Schupbach visited the Girard Congregation Sunday, October 16. The two sisters are visiting for about two or three weeks at the home of their sister, Mrs. Lydia Klotzle.

We were glad to have with us Sunday, October 22, Rudolph Graf and family, Misses Mary Zollinger and Edith Graf of Akron. We all were richly blessed from the Lord by his inspiring sermons.

Lamont

Visiting brethren here October 1 were Mr. and Mrs. George Knochel, Dorothy Knochel of Bay City, Michigan, Dan Knochel of Detroit, Michigan, and Gus Dornes of Sabetha, Kansas.

Visiting brethren here October 22 were Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Dominick, Carol Springer, Godfrey Miller, Jr., John Somerhalder, Doris Miller, Ada Kistling, Emma Michel of Burlington, Oklahoma, Emma Bahr of Kansas City, Rudolph Bahr of Gridley, Jack Prather of Lawrence, and Arlene Knapp of Wichita.

Sister Rose Heinsman and Brother Bill Heinsman of Peoria, Illinois, visited relatives and friends here, Oct. 29.

Latty

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Ramseyer, Mr.

and Mrs. Herbert Bauman, and others from Rittman spent October 15 visiting in Latty. Wayne Huber of Francesville visited with us that day also.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gerber, Eleanor and Carol Stoller, and Mrs. Glenn Stoller visited in Roanoke the week-end of October 21-22, attending the wedding of Verla Mae Getz and Daniel Wiegand.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gerber, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gerber, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sauder, and Carol Gerber, all of Bluffton, visited with us Oct. 29.

We had many visitors from Francesville, Bluffton, Bay City, Fairbury, Roanoke, Leo, and Junction on November 5, who came to witness the wedding of Delmar Stoller and Marguerite Gerber. Roger Gerber, brother of the bride, and Esther Kipfer of Leo, cousin of the bride, attended the couple. The couple will make their home on a farm near Latty.

The engagement of Marvin Klopfenstein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Klopfenstein, and Mary Tonner of Bluffton, was announced Nov. 5.

On November 19, Carol Stoller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse E. Stoller of Fort Wayne, and Wayne Huber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Huber of Francesville were united in marriage. The couple was attended by Eleanor Stoller, sister of the bride, and Melvin Gutwein of Francesville. Those from a distance attending the wedding were from Francesville, La Crosse, Leo, Bluffton, Princeville, Roanoke, Fairbury, Cissna Park, Remington, and Elgin.

Several from here attended the funeral of Mrs. Maxine Beer Scarborough in Leo, Saturday, Dec. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stoller, Eleanor and Elaine Stoller, Louise Sinn, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Stoller and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Stoller and son, and Hazel Huber spent Sunday, December 3, in Francesville for the reception given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Huber, by the groom's parents.

Leo

The Good Cheer Group met at the church dining kitchen November 28 to knot comforters, make baby quilts and blankets. Through the year

forty-seven comforters; sixty-four baby quilts and blankets; children's dresses, slips, boy's waist, etc.—389 pieces all together were made. Many boxes of used clothing were given. And may we always give such clothing to some needy, as they were given as to the Lord, and His blessing rest on the receiver and the giver.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar P. Martin have a new baby girl, Alice Louise.

Word was received of the death of John Troxel, for many years one of the ministers of the Wolcott, Ind., congregation.

Also the death of Sam Conrad of Portland, Oregon.

Lester

Those from here who attended the wedding of Henry Kellenberger of Elgin, Illinois, and Sarah Messner, which took place at Winthrop, Minnesota, were his mother, Mrs. Anna Kellenberger, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kellenberger and daughters, Viola and Salome, Elgeva and Mary Lou Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Moser, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kellenberger and family, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Warner, Mrs. Herman Wiese, Mrs. Lydia Bonyge, Miss Edith Bick, Mrs. Bud Danish and daughter, Phil Mogler, Bill Wulf, and Raymond Feucht.

Visitors who went to West Bend on Sunday, September 24, were Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kellenberger and daughters, Viola and Elgeva, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kellenberger and son, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Moser, Mrs. Polly Moser, Phil Mogler, and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Knoblock.

On October 1, announcement was made of the engagement of Andrew Mogler, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mogler, and Frieda Metzger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Metzger. Both are of this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Metzger and family were with us Sunday, Oct. 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mogler spent about two weeks visiting relatives and friends in the East.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Leuthold are the happy parents of a baby daughter, born October 16.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schick and Mrs. Carl Wyss of Morton were with us Sunday, October 29.

Mansfield

Albert Pfister and Katie Maliz

were united in marriage Thursday evening, November 2, by Brother Rudolf Graf. Visitors were here from Minnesota and Indiana to attend the wedding.

On November 4 and 5, visitors from Francesville, Indiana, were Melvin, Irvin, Margaret, and Rovine Gutwein, Francis Lehman, and Willis Gudeman. We enjoyed their visit very much and invite them to come back soon again.

Mr. and Mrs. James Zimmer are the parents of a son, born October 31.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Ramsier.

A number of young people from the Wayne County Church visited us Sunday evening, November 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm Sauder and son, Donald, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Oesch visited in Berne, Indiana, and Junction, Ohio, the week-end of Nov. 5.

On Sunday, November 26, the following brothers from Princeville were in our midst: Daniel Feucht, Albert Hermann, Samuel Martin, and David Kieser. We enjoyed their visit very much.

Milford

Philip, Lois, and Evelyn Beer, Arthur Moser, Lowell Rassi, and Kathryn Graff attended the Gutwein-Novotny wedding at Francesville, Oct. 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Aeschliman of Bluffton visited here Sunday, October 8. About forty young people and their teachers from Peoria, Illinois, visited with us the week-end of October 21 and 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Getz and Maurice and Marilyn Getz were with us Sunday, October 29, and evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Beer.

Morris and Hancock

Visiting in our community the week end of October 8 were: Ed Eglin, Congerville, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wenger, Edna and Raymond, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Traub and Jimmy of Forrest, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wenger of Roanoke, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Koehl and Ernest were in Winthrop, Minnesota, Sunday, October 22.

Mr. John Witzig, Miss Hannah Nohl, Mr. Joshua Nohl and Cecil of Goodfield visited relatives and

friends in our community. Mrs. Adolph Koehl went back with them October 20, having spent a week with her mother, Mrs. Henry Nohl Sr. Miss Hanna Nohl remained for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Nohl, Jeanette, and Mrs. John Luthi took Miss Hannah Nohl to Congerville October 27. They spent the week end visiting relatives in Morton and Peoria.

Mr. and Mrs. Antone Schaefer visited friends and relatives in Forrest and Peoria, Illinois, two weeks. They came home October 26.

Donald Reber went to Tacoma, Washington, October 23 to be with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Reber. Don has been working here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Pfister of Fort Scott, Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schmidgall, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Koehl and Dale were in Winthrop, October 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Messner, Patsy and Gary, went to Fort Scott, Kansas, October 29 for a week end visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Reber and family.

Ben Knapp of Flanagan, Illinois, was in our community November 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Nohl and children and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Nohl spent Sunday, October 29, in West Bend, Iowa.

Mrs. Kellenberger, who has been with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kellenberger and family for some time, returned November 4 to Lester, Iowa.

A number from our community were to Lester, Sunday, November 5, to attend the Metzler-Mogler wedding.

Mrs. Tillie Luthi of Peoria visited the first week of November with Mr. and Mrs. John Luthi.

Visiting the Henry Nohl, Sr. family were Mrs. Jacob Miller, Mrs. Sam Goetzinger of Goodfield, and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Widmer and Verna of Morton.

November 12 is when Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Schmidgall's little son, Jerel Richard, was born.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kellenberger of Elgin, visited her brother, Mr. Ernest Kellenberger, and family November 14. Also visiting here was Joe Messner of Winthrop.

Mrs. Ernest Kellenberger came home November 13, after spending a week with her daughter, Mrs. Robert Scheitlin, in Elgin.

Charlie Metzger was in our community November 19 from Sabetha, Kansas.

Henry Koehl and daughter, Eunice, were to Lester November 12.

Mrs. Paul Fehr, Mrs. William Zeltwanger, Mr. and Mrs. John Luthi and Alfred attended the funeral services of Mrs. Luthi's sister, Mrs. Caroline Fehr, November 19 in Cissna Park.

Going away over the Thanksgiving holiday were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Joos, Carol and Judy, Mrs. John Schaefer and Stevie, Mrs. Lawrence Nöhl to Elgin, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Knobloch, Mrs. Clara Moser, Corrine, Carl and Bennie to Lester, Mr. and Mrs. John Goll, Allene and Junior, to Lamar.

Barbara Schmidgall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Schmidgall, was united in marriage to Vernard Brown 2nd of December.

Mrs. Albert Steiner of Elgin came November 25 and visited with her sister, Mrs. William Zeltwanger, and family until December 1, when Mr. and Mrs. William Zeltwanger, Doris, Vila, and John took her home. They were gone over the week end.

Peoria

Communion services were held at our church November 5. On Wednesday evening, Communion services were held at the Apostolic Christian Home for those that are unable to come to church. David Mangold from Roanoke was in charge. Our shut-ins are: John Bittner, Mrs. Rudolph Hoerr, Mrs. John Pfister, Mrs. John Steidinger, William Yoder, Marie Hoerr, William Veirling, Anna Schubert, Bena Ramseyer, Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Herman, and Julia Sauder.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hoerr, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weyeneth, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Binkele, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wagenbach spent October 14 and 15 in Milford, Indiana.

Philip Gutwein of Francesville, Indiana, delivered a sermon at our regular Thursday evening services, October 19. We were pleased to have him in our midst.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam D. Getz made known the engagement of their daughter, Marjorie, to Truman Baumgartner of Bluffton, Indiana. We regret that Marjorie is leaving Peoria, but our loss will be their gain.

The Rev. Philip Gutwein of Francesville Indiana, and Joe Getz held the dedication services for our new church on Dec. 10.

Herman Heuni of Bremen, Indiana was here for the opening of our new church on Dec. 3rd, which was largely attended. There were 3,400 registered on that day.

Many visitors were here for the dedication of our new church. Among them were John Wagenbach, Joe Hodel, Henry Grimm, Joshua Broquard, Frank Wertz, Henry Sabo, Joe Zimmerman, John Wagler, Ben Heiniger and Gus Scheitlin, Dave Mangold and George Yergler.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Weyenth spent Sunday, Nov. 26 in Roanoke and were supper guests at the Silas Hodel home.

John Bittner, Sr. broke his hip and is confined to the hospital.

Princeville

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Menold are the parents of a daughter, born October 19. She has two brothers to welcome her.

Miss Vivian Leuthold is spending this month at the home of her brother, Arthur, and family, in Iowa, caring for a new niece.

Harold Locher and John Baurer, Jr., left October 13 to enter military service, and are stationed at Camp Cook, California. Norman Wieland is at Great Lakes, Illinois, receiving training for the Navy.

Many friends and relatives went to Cissna Park, October 15, to witness the marriage of Iola Knapp of that congregation, and Walter Feucht of Princeville. Attendants were Betty Knapp and Robert Knoblock. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, following the ceremony. Following a wedding trip, the couple will reside on a farm near Princeville.

Miss Eunice Feucht and Mr. Raymond Klumpp were united in marriage October 29, by Silas Leuthold.

Miss Ruth Feucht and Walter Feucht were the attendants. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, after which the newly married couple left for a short trip. They are now residing on a farm near Wyoming.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Leuthold, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kieser, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Martin spent Sunday, November 5, in Cissna Park, while Martha Hemmer, Miriam and Charles, Louise Martin, Lucille Roach, and Robert Knoblock visited in Oakville. The same day, the engagement of Ludwig Kieser of Princeville and Bertha Sauder of West Bend was announced.

Willis Ehnle, who was stationed for a short time at Fort Lewis, Washington, has left the States for service overseas.

A number of friends and relatives spent the week-end of November 19 in Latty, Ohio, and witnessed the wedding of Carol Stoller and Wayne Huber.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Farney are the proud parents of a son, born November 20. He has two sisters to welcome him into their home.

On the night of November 24, Mrs. Elizabeth Stoller was awakened to find her home filled with smoke and was nearly overcome before she could waken her sons, Jos. and Vernon. A fire was discovered under the floor, and, although flames did not break out, quite a lot of damage was done by water and smoke.

Albert Herrmann, David Kieser, Sam Martin, and Daniel Feucht spent several days the last of the month in Mansfield and Rittman.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Leuthold and Mr. and Mrs. William Eberle spent November 26 in Goodfield, and the William Knoblock family visited with relatives in Lester and West Bend. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Grimm and son of West Bend spent several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Miller, and with other relatives.

Ludwig and Dorothea Kieser spent the week-end of December 3 in West Bend.

Remington

"He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seek-

eth his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him." St. John 7:18.

Joan Klopfenstein, Carolyn Schumacher, Mary Ann Zeltwanger, Earl Zeltwanger, J. J. Laidig, and Robert Hueni, all of Bremen, Indiana, spent Sunday, October 15, in our congregation. They were dinner guests of Amelia Scharlach and in the evening attended the wedding of Robert Schieler and Marilyn Furrer at Wolcott, Indiana.

A group of young people from Tremont, Illinois, visited our congregation Sunday afternoon, the 26th. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reuter of Wolcott, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schambach are the parents of twin girls, born on Wednesday, October 1. They have named their daughters Linda Lou and Cindy Lou.

On Sunday, October 8, Henry Dotterer and several other visitors from Bluffton, Indiana, spent the day with us. We had a very blessed day.

Tremont

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Werner and Richard, and Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Bertschi and Larry spent Sunday, October 15, in Oakville, Iowa.

Vernon Koch, son of Mrs. Dan Koch, was recalled into service on October 20. He is stationed at Fort Lewis, near Tacoma, Washington.

A daughter, Christine Sue, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Koch, October 15.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Simon Wagenbach October 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramas Schlatter, Melba Jeanne and Allen, Mrs. Lorene Wiley and Jimmie, and Miss Sylvia Steiner, of near Leo, Indiana, were visitors at the George Getz home several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Winzeler announced the engagement of their daughter, Betty, and Ryan Hild, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hild.

West Bend

Mrs. Paul Banwart and Edwin, Leona, and Esty Banwart and Mabel Schmidt were recent week-end visitors at Oakville, Iowa.

George Metzger and a group of young people from Elgin, Iowa, spent Sunday, October 8, at the West Bend church.

Paul Banwart and wife, Alfred Fehr and wife, and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Luthi, Mabel Schmidt, Darlene Metzger, and Edwin, Leona, Lela, and Esty Banwart visited in Morris, Minnesota, on October 15. Several friends were proved and baptized that day.

Mrs. Minnie Welti and daughter, Evelyn, of Rockville, Connecticut, and Mrs. Fanny Frieden and Paul Pulfer of Elgin, Iowa, spent a few days with relatives here.

Paul Banwart and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Frieden spent Sunday, October 22, at Elgin, Iowa. Mrs. Rose Frieden returned with them and is visiting with relatives here.

Jos. Benninger, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Anliker, Mrs. Bertha Keller, and Mrs. Paul Banwart attended the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Wuthrich at Milford, Indiana, on October 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Anliker, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Banwart and Eldon, and Mrs. Bertha Keller were Winthrop, Minnesota, visitors on Oct. 29.

Wichita

We were happy to have Brother Jos. Aberle, who labors as a minister of the gospel, wife, and family from Burlington, Oklahoma, with us Sunday, October 1. We felt blessed by the words that were spoken.

Brother and Sister George Greiner and son, Phillip, visited Sunday, October 1, in Gridley, Kansas, visiting her parents, Brother and Sister Sam Bahr and other relatives and friends.

Brother Roy Bahr from Gridley, Kansas, who has just graduated from Kansas State College in Manhattan, has come to work at the Boeing Aircraft plant here in Wichita.

Visitors at our church Sunday, October 8, were, Brother and Sister John Brown and daughter from the Burlington, Oklahoma, church, Mr. and Mrs. Thornton Hemphill and family from Lawrence, Kansas, and Sister Emma Bahr from Kansas City, who visited with their sister, Anna Greiner, her husband and son.

Other visitors October 8 were Brother and Sister Fred Sinn, Brother and Sister David Massner and Ethel from Fort Scott. Also Sister Ada Miller, Brother Godfrey, and Sister

Doris Miller from Burlington, visited with us this Sunday.

Ada Kistling, Doris, Katharine and Irma Miller, and Emma Michael from Burlington, visited recently.

Brother and Sister Glenn Domnick and family from Burlington, Oklahoma, were in our midst Sunday, October 15.

Brother and Sister Ernest Lambert and Brother and Sister George Lambert visited the church at Harper, Kansas, in the morning of October 15, and spent the remainder of the day in Burlington, Oklahoma, visiting relatives and friends.

Visiting relatives and friends in Gridley, Kansas, recently were Brother and Sister Arthur Woolschlager and family.

Sunday, October 22, Brother and Sister Tim Farney visited in Burlington, Oklahoma.

We were happy when, on Sunday, October 29, Brothers Loren Strahm and John Somerhalder and their wives and families visited with us.

Wolcott

Visitors on October 8 were Arthur Gudeman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Nuest and family, Sandra Bailey, Lucille Nuest, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Banwart and Jerry of La-Crosse, Mr. and Mrs. John Lackey and children of Cissna Park, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Stoller and Stevie, and Mary Ellen Gudeman of Ft. Wayne.

Marilyn Furrer and Robert Schieler were united in marriage on Sunday evening, October 15, by George Yergler. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, with many from various places attending. The couple will make their home in Remington.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lehman, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lehman and Dennis, Estella Lehman, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pfister of Chicago visited the Lehman families here on October 22.

David and Mary Beutel of Tremont, Elsie Kaufman, Ruth Schmidgall, and Harlan Kaiser of Morton, and Florence Miller of Goodfield visited the Robert Reuters' on October 29.